GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Packed Food for Mid-Day Meal Scheme
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce pre-packed food in schools as part of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme;
(b) if so, the details thereof ; and
(c) whether some State Governments have requested for such move and if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) to (c): As per Mid Day Meal (MDM) Guidelines, hot cooked meals are served to eligible children. The menu having the minimum nutritional standards as prescribed in the MDM Guidelines is decided by the concerned State/UT Governments or local authorities. However, there is no provision in the MDM Guidelines to replace the existing hot cooked meal with prepacked food. States/UTs make request for changes in the MDM guidelines/structure from time to time and the same are dealt on the merit of the case. The Government of Rajasthan has requested for change in the MDM guidelines for coverage of pre-packed food as well.
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